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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 27 August 1957

Acting Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., * Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State
Mr. Gordon Arneson, * acting for Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
Brigadier General Robert A. Breitweiser, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
Mr. Milton E. Jenkins, acting for Atomic Energy Commission representative to the IAC
Mr. Meffert Kuhrtz, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to the IAC

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1. Approval of Minutes
20 August 1957
(IAC-M-303)

Approved as written.

2. Review of Crisis Situations

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 368

Noted.

b. Syrian Situation

The members reviewed various aspects of the Syrian situation, particularly with respect to internal developments, the extent of Soviet involvement and possible moves by other countries in the area. Following their review of these matters, the members agreed to undertake a special estimate on the Syrian situation which should consider principally the degree of Syrian involvement with the Soviet Bloc and prospects for a change in present trends. It was also agreed that this estimate should be drafted on a crash basis and completed in time for review at the next regular IAC meeting.

4. Soviet Announcement Re
Testing of Intercontinental
Ballistic Missile

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The Chairman raised for discussion the recent announcement by the Soviet Union that it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). Lt. Colonel Wilson outlined

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the action that GMIC had taken and read a preliminary GMIC statement on the matter. The members and Lt. Colonel Wilson then discussed pertinent information and intelligence from various sources bearing on the possible significance of and motives behind the Soviet announcement. GMIC was instructed to make certain modifications in the final version of its statement and to provide members with copies as rapidly as possible. The members also concurred in the view that GMIC should deal only with technical aspects of the problem and not attempt to treat any related political ramifications. In this connection, after discussing the general problem of wider dissemination of the GMIC statement, particularly from a security standpoint, the members agreed that the statement should be given a normal distribution in intelligence publications commensurate with its classification and substance.

5. NIE 65-57
The Outlook for Indonesia

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the findings and approved the recommended action, as amended, in the post-mortem on this estimate.

c. Noted the validity study for NIE 65-56, "Probable Developments in Indonesia," 7 August 1956.

d. Agreed to release NIE 65-57 to USIA.

6. NIE 43-2-57
The Prospects for the Government of the Republic of China

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the findings and approved the recommended action in the post-mortem on this estimate.

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c. Noted the validity study for NIE 43-56, "The Prospects of the Government of the Republic of China," 9 October 1956.

d. Agreed to release NIE 43-2-57 to USIA.

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Adjournment: 1240

JOHN HEIRES
Secretary

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

2. In view of the recommendation (Memorandum to IAC, 29 August) of the Board of National Estimates with respect to the release of NIE 43-2-57, "The Prospects for the Government of the Republic of China," the Secretary, unless specifically requested to do so by a member of the IAC, does not propose to place the question of the release of this estimate to foreign governments on the agenda of an IAC meeting.

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